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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 August 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 38-46, 56, 58 and 61-69 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 39-44 and 47-55 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 38, 45, 46, 56, 58 and 61-69 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 38, 45, 46, 56, 58 and 61-69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. There is insufficient support in the originally filed application for the new limitation "said chamber being substantially free of fluid flow obstructions extending in a direction transverse to the jet fluid flow in a region between said second fluid inlet and said first fluid inlet", recited in claim 38. The issue of obstructions extending in a direction transverse to the jet fluid flow was not touched upon at all in the original filing. The absence of a positive disclosure is insufficient support for a negative limitation.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 39-44 and 47-55 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

4. The description requirement of section 112, first paragraph is the only issue remaining in the case. As applicant correctly points out, there is nothing impermissible about negative limitations in general; each situation must be considered on a case-by-case basis. Like any new matter issue, it must be decided if the new limitation introduces a new concept which did not appear in the original application as filed. *In re Anderson* 176 USPQ 331 (CCPA 1973). In the instant case, the concept of a

transverse obstruction in the recited location was not raised in the original application. Applicant was not in possession of this concept until presented with a prior art reference, Patterson et al. (US 384,068), having such an obstruction. Introduction of the transverse obstruction concept is improper hindsight invention, using information obtained after filing as a blueprint. The fact pattern of the instant case is remarkably similar to that of *Ex parte Grasselli et al.* 231 USPQ 393 (BPAI 1983), where appellant, having been presented with prior art references disclosing a catalyst containing uranium, introduced a limitation "being free of uranium".

5. In *Purdue Pharma L. P. v. Faulding Inc.* 56 USPQ 1481 (CA FC 2000), which applicant cites, it was held that "one skilled in the art, reading the original disclosure, must 'immediately discern the limitation at issue' in the claims. *Waldemar Link GmbH & Co. v. Osteonics Corp.*, 32 F.3d 556, 558, 31 USPQ2d 1855, 1857 (Fed. Cir. 1994)". In the instant case, no one reading the original disclosure would immediately discern that the presence or absence of a transverse obstruction at a particular location was at issue.

Conclusion

6. Effective on or about 01 October 2007, the art unit handling this application will be renumbered 1797.

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David L. Sorkin whose telephone number is 571-272-1148. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-4:00 Mon.-Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David R. Sample can be reached on 571-272-1376. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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